

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 6 of page 5 of the original specification with the following paragraph:

A well-known waterproof jelly 3 is filled in the tubular buffer 4, namely in a gap between the optical fibers 1.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 10 of page 5 of the original specification with the following paragraph:

In addition, the optical cable of the present invention may include a conventional water-blocking tape 6 extended in the entire length of the cable with surrounding the optical fiber aggregation. This water-blocking tape 6 may be made of water-absorbing materials or contain such materials. A gap between the tubular buffer 4 in an inner space surrounded by the water-blocking tape 6 is also preferably filled with a well-known waterproof jelly 3.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 14 of page 6 of the original specification with the following paragraph:

The optical cable of the present invention may further include an outer sheath 9 extended in the longitudinal direction with surrounding the outer tensile member 8. The outer sheath 89 is also formed by extruding polymer materials such as black polyethylene around the outer tensile member 8, similarly to the inner sheath 7.